

## General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS

Introduced by: (APP)

## AN ACT PROVIDING FUNDING FROM THE DRUG ASSETS FORFEITURE REVOLVING ACCOUNT FOR INPATIENT DRUG TREATMENT SERVICES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- Section 1. Section 54-36i of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):
- 3 (a) There is established and created an account of the General Fund 4 to be known as the "drug assets forfeiture revolving account" for the 5 purpose of providing funds for substance abuse treatment and
- 6 education programs and for use in the detection, investigation,
- 7 apprehension and prosecution of persons for the violation of the laws
- 8 pertaining to the illegal manufacture, sale, distribution or possession of
- 9 controlled substances.
- 10 (b) The account shall consist of the proceeds from the sale of 11 property and moneys received and deposited pursuant to section 54-
- 12 36h.
- 13 (c) Moneys in such account shall be distributed as follows: (1)
- 14 [Seventy] Forty per cent shall be allocated to the Department of

Emergency Services and Public Protection and local police departments pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, fifteen per cent of which shall be used for purposes of drug education and eighty-five per cent of which shall be used for the detection, investigation, apprehension and prosecution of persons for the violation of laws pertaining to the illegal manufacture, sale, distribution or possession of controlled substances and for the purposes of police training on gangrelated violence as required by section 7-294*l*, (2) [twenty] <u>fifty</u> per cent shall be allocated to the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, [for] twenty per cent of which shall be used for purposes of substance abuse treatment and education programs and tobacco prevention and enforcement positions engaged in compliance activities as required by the federal government as a condition of receipt of substance abuse prevention and treatment block grant funds and thirty per cent of which shall be used for purposes of providing inpatient services in drug treatment facilities, and (3) ten per cent shall be allocated to the Division of Criminal Justice for use in the prosecution of persons for the violation of laws pertaining to the illegal manufacture, sale, distribution or possession of controlled substances.

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(d) Expenditures from the account allocated to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection and local police departments shall be authorized by a panel composed of: (1) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection or his designee, (2) the commander of the state-wide narcotics task force or his designee, and (3) the president of the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association or his designee. The panel shall adopt procedures for the orderly authorization of expenditures, subject to the approval of the Comptroller. Such expenditures may be authorized only to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection and to organized local police departments within this state. expenditures shall be held by the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection and the various organized local police departments in accounts or funds established for that purpose. In no event shall the expenditures be placed in a state or town general fund

49 and in no event shall the expenditures be used for purposes other than 50 those provided in subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of this section. The 51 panel shall ensure the equitable allocation of expenditures to the 52 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection or any local 53 police department which participated directly in any of the acts which 54 led to the seizure or forfeiture of the property so as to reflect generally 55 the contribution of said department or such local police department in 56 such acts. The panel shall authorize expenditures from the account for 57 the reimbursement of any organized local police department which 58 has used its own funds in the detection, investigation, apprehension 59 and prosecution of persons for the violation of laws pertaining to the 60 illegal manufacture, sale, distribution or possession of controlled 61 substances and which makes application to the panel 62 reimbursement.

(e) Moneys remaining in the drug assets forfeiture revolving account at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund but shall remain in the revolving account to be used for the purposes set forth in this section.

| This act shal sections: | l take effect as foll | ows and shall amend the following |
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| Section 1               | July 1, 2016          | 54-36i                            |

**APP** Joint Favorable

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